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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

### **LIBRARY SERVICES ACT APPROPRIATION THREATENED!**

Unless Congress raises the amount recommended for the Library Services Act by the President's budget message, South Carolina's program will be drastically curtailed.

This is the situation:

1. The Library Services Act authorizes the expenditure of \$7,500,000 per year. This amount has not yet been appropriated. With this appropriation South Carolina would receive \$171,214.00.
2. For this fiscal year Congress appropriated \$5,000,000 of which South Carolina received \$110,476.00.
3. If the recommendation of \$3,000,000 is adopted by Congress, South Carolina will receive only \$62,533.00.

Write your Congressman and urge others in your area to write him. Ask him to support the full amount of \$7,500,000 for the Library Services Act. In order for the greatest good at the local level the full amount is necessary. Tell him what you are doing with Federal Aid and how much more can be accomplished with a continuing program.

### **WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TODAY - WRITE BOTH SENATORS SOON**

#### **REPRESENTATIVES**

##### District

1. L. Mendel Rivers
2. John J. Riley
3. W. J. Bryan Dorn

##### District

4. Robert T. Ashmore
5. Robert W. Hemphill
6. John L. McMillan

#### **SENATORS**

Olin D. Johnston

J. Strom Thurmond

#### **DID YOU HEAR?**

Librarianship was presented as a challenging profession for young people on the PAUL HARVEY NEWS on February 16, 1958 on a national radio broadcast. The points Mr. Harvey made on the need for librarians, the fields open to them, and the service they could render their country, are good points for any recruiting program. An excerpt from PAUL HARVEY NEWS for February 16th is enclosed with this news letter.



## **SOUTH CAROLINA PREPARES FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**MARCH 16 - 22**

Preparations for National Library Week, March 16 - 22, are going ahead briskly in many communities throughout South Carolina. The Citizens Committee in Aiken County is making ambitious plans for a celebration there, and in Spartanburg County preparation for the celebration was begun on January 23rd with a Library Week Planning Dinner which was attended by approximately two hundred people.

In Spartanburg County twelve committees have been organized to assist with the programs over the county. These include committees for a Speaker's Bureau, Book Reviews, Reading Night, School Programs, Publicity, and Displays in Stores. Spartanburg is aiming for a "better read, and a better informed" Spartanburg.

Recently appointed chairmen of local citizens committees include the following:

Mr. Ben H. Gardner, 1001 Newberry Street, Aiken, South Carolina  
Mr. Arthur E. Holman, Jr., Anderson, South Carolina  
Mrs. Adam Haskell, Beaufort, South Carolina  
Mrs. M. MacLennan, Moncks Corner, South Carolina  
Mrs. M. D. Shuler, St. Matthews, South Carolina  
Mr. William Ackerman, 122 Church Street, Charleston, South Carolina  
Mrs. W. Kirkwood Stringfellow, Chester, South Carolina  
Mrs. John Rowe, Walterboro, South Carolina  
Mrs. J. A. McCreight, Latta, South Carolina  
Mrs. Edward A. McMaster, North Congress Street, Winnsboro, S. C.  
Mr. E. A. Baumel, Greenwood, South Carolina  
Mrs. T. Team Gettys, Route No. 1, Lugoff, South Carolina  
Mrs. Dave Quattlebaum, 323 South Main Street, Bishopville, S. C.  
Mrs. Cyril B. Busbee, 900 North Avenue, Cayce, South Carolina  
Mrs. R. G. Lenox, Sumter, South Carolina  
Mr. James F. Cooper, Kingstree, South Carolina

### **NLW AND YOUR NEWSPAPER**

Newspapers throughout South Carolina have either received or will receive news releases for National Library Week. Librarians and library trustees are urged to visit local editors and let them know that they are interested in having these articles printed in the paper. Magazines and newspapers throughout the nation will carry editorials, stories and articles on the value of reading during February and March. Librarians should call attention to these articles through a bulletin board display and special reading lists.

### **RADIO AND TELEVISION**

Both radio and television will be calling attention to National Library Week during the week of March 16 - 22. Special programs are being built around the theme of National Library Week and many TV and radio shows will include something about the program to promote the importance of reading and the use of libraries.



### BOOK CARAVAN

The Hartsville Township Memorial Library conducted a special program on books and reading in connection with the visit of Mrs. Ruth Tooze, Director of the Children's Book Caravan, on February the 4th and 5th. Mrs. Tooze, who has been called the "Johnny Appleseed of children's books", carries a choice selection of some nine hundred books with her from state to state and from library to library. These books were on display at Hartsville Township Memorial Library during the period of the program and children and adults were invited to see the books for themselves and to talk with Mrs. Tooze about books and reading. On the last night of the program parents and others interested in children's books were invited to meet Mrs. Tooze at the library to examine children's books and to discuss children's reading interests.

### CITIZENS EDUCATION CENTER AND THE LIBRARY

All persons attending classes at the Citizens Education Center in Columbia were invited to use the supplementary reading materials available at the Richland County Public Library. Books relating to the various citizens education classes were grouped and displayed on a special table on the main floor of the library and librarians were available to help visitors to the display locate materials and books in their main fields of interest.

### FREE

The New York Life Insurance Company, as a public service, is distributing a number of complimentary copies of Guide to Career Information, an occupational bibliography supplementing its "Should Your Child Be..." advertisements and pamphlets. If this book will be useful to your library, you should ask the company to send you a complimentary copy.

The Guide is offered as a professional work useful to guidance personnel. It gives complete information - including purchase data, contents, and reader interest - on more than 800 books and pamphlets published in the last 5 years. The titles are listed according to a functional scheme of groupings by occupation. Public sale will be through the publisher, Harper and Brothers, beginning in November.

### JAYCEE PROGRAMS

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Sumter has recently completed a survey of the Carnegie Public Library, which serves both the city and the county of Sumter. The survey concludes with recommendations on a building and on the development of better service to the people of the area.

In Lexington County, the Jaycee Chapter in Cayce and West Columbia is working on a project to improve public library service in both of these suburban communities. Both are served by branches of the Lexington County Library and the Jaycees hope to be able to improve the use of these facilities by giving wide publicity to the two branch libraries and to the materials available through them.



The Jaycee Chapter in Whitmire is planning to work with the Whitmire branch of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library in the celebration of National Library Week. A special Library Day is planned with a library open house to be held at the Whitmire Library.

#### S. C. LIBRARIANS ATTEND LOUISIANA WORKSHOP

Seven public librarians received scholarships under the State Library Board's Personnel Program to attend a workshop on library service for young adults conducted by the Library School of the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, February 23 - 28. The scholarships were granted on the same basis as other grants to libraries with the additional requirement that the librarian receiving the scholarship must work at least partially with children and young people.

The workshop was co-sponsored by the American Library Association's Library Education Division and the ALA Young Adults' Services Division.

Mr. Ray M. Fry, librarian of the Rosenberg Public Library, Galveston, Texas, and former director of Young Adults' Services at the Dallas Public Library, directed the conference, assisted by Miss Grace Slocum, Coordinator of Work with Young Adults at the Brooklyn Public Library. Special sessions were held on Understanding the Young Adult, Building the Book Collection, Starting or Expanding Special Service, and Guiding and Promoting Reading among Young People.

Librarians attending the workshop from South Carolina were: Miss Madeleine Mosimann, Head, Extension Department, Charleston County Free Library; Mrs. Clara T. McCabe, Librarian, Calhoun County Library; Mrs. Fay B. McNab, Librarian, Barnwell County Library; Miss Carrie Jean Ashley, Head, Extension Department, Greenwood City and County Library; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Green, Librarian, Oconee County Library; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Librarian, Colleton County Library; and Miss Frances B. Reid, Field Service Librarian, State Library Board.

#### RICHLAND BOOKMOBILE

The Richland County Library has placed an order for a Gerstenslager bookmobile which is expected to be delivered in March. The new vehicle will be light blue and cream and will be completely air-conditioned.

#### LIBRARY LEGISLATION

The Legislative Committee of SCLA was heard at a meeting of the House Judiciary Committee on a proposed bill to establish responsibility for library property. The bill, which was introduced last year by Representative Bristow of Richland County, was thought to be inadequate to cover all the needs of libraries, museums and art galleries in the State for protection of property, and the Legislative Committee asked for a revision of the bill under consideration.



The House Judiciary Committee reported the bill out with all of the amendments the Legislative Committee had requested. The new bill passed the House on February 27th, was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee. It is hoped that the bill will become a law before the end of this session of the General Assembly.

The Legislative Committee of the South Carolina Library Association is as follows: George R. Linder, Chairman, Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Robert C. Tucker, Miss Cordia Mullinax, and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hinton.

#### POSTAL RATE INCREASE BILL

Estellene Walker, Director of the South Carolina State Library Board, presented the testimony of the American Library Association on the Postal Rate Increase Bill at a hearing before the subcommittee of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee on February 13th.

No increase in the library book rate had been recommended in the bill, but the American Library Association was concerned over the 25% increase in the general book rate and over the inclusion in the bill of a permit system to require each library to secure a permit for the shipment of books and educational films at the library book rate.

Miss Walker concluded her testimony with the statement: "Demands on libraries continue to increase with the rapid growth and re-distribution of the population, the rise in the educational level of our people, and the growing complexities of our civilization. Interlibrary loans and direct loans by mail to meet the information and book needs of people everywhere are becoming an increasingly important but costly part of library service. Libraries want to share their informational resources and should be encouraged to remain a part of our national network of information. At this time of growing concern over meeting educational needs, it would seem to us to be in the public interest that the encouragement now given to the distribution of books and educational films as a matter of Congressional policy be continued by the maintenance of the present book and library book rate."

#### FREE FOR THE ASKING

Professor R. E. Ware of Clemson College is getting out a series of bird booklets in color which may be obtained free by addressing him at Clemson, South Carolina. Another useful publication, "Some Common Birds of South Carolina", by County Agent Bowen of Sumter, is also available from Clemson.

#### LIBRARY INTERN PROGRAM

By the first of May, six of the ten library internships offered under the Personnel Program of the State Library Board, will have been filled. Under this program, ten internships extending over a four year period, were offered to ten county or regional libraries in the State which met all state and federal requirements.



To qualify for the internship, the candidate must be a graduate of an accredited college or university and must have been accepted for entrance by a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association. The intern works the major portion of the year in the county library, but receives time off with full pay to attend graduate library school during the summer. The cost of the Project is underwritten by the State Library Board, which makes a grant of \$3000 a year over a four year period to each qualifying library to pay the intern's basic salary. After the first year, the local library supplements this salary by annual increments of \$200 per year.

Libraries participating in the program with the names of the intern are as follows:

Charleston County Library	-	Miss Rachel Ellis
Greenville Public Library	-	T. K. McDonald, Jr.
Oconee County Library	-	Miss Shirley Chastain
Pickens County Library	-	Miss Mary Aiken
Richland County Library	-	Charles Jennings
Spartanburg Public Library	-	Bryan Roberts

#### REGIONAL LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

On Thursday evening, February 20th, a countywide meeting was held in the Harmony Community Center in Edgefield County for the purpose of discussing the possibility of Edgefield County joining in a Regional Library Demonstration Program with Aiken and Barnwell counties. Mrs. Horace Sawyer presided at the meeting which was sponsored by the Edgefield County Committee on the Welfare of Children and Youth.

Miss Estellene Walker, Director of the State Library Board, was present, and explained the purpose and the services of the Regional Library Demonstration Program. Miss Walker explained that the Program would be made available to three groups of counties in the State during the next four years. It is supported by funds appropriated by the State Legislature and by federal funds administered by the State Library Board. She explained that the Demonstration would show how good public library service, through a cooperative system, can be brought to all the people efficiently at the least cost to the tax payer. Since Edgefield County is one of the seven counties in the State without countywide library service, a Regional Library Demonstration including Edgefield would have a top priority.

During the meeting, a film, "Books for All", was shown to point out the values of a cooperative library system. Following the film, a discussion was held to answer any questions about regional library service. At the close of the meeting, the group voted unanimously in favor of the Regional Library Demonstration Program and a Planning Committee made up of representatives from each community in the county was appointed.



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"What can I do?"

From Americans who are genuinely anxious about shrinking dollars or malignant bureaucracy or aggressive Russians, that question jumps at me from every audience, every mail bag, after almost every broadcast....

"What can I do?"

For years I have plagiarized the Communist's creed and replied:

"Influence those near you."

Today's recommendation is going to be more specific.

Get a job in a library!

Undergraduates, uncertain what career offers the most opportunity please examine this one closely: Librarianship.

I am not asking you to make any great economic sacrifice in order to occupy one of these positions of influence.

The pay is excellent.

Librarianship is one of the two highest paid professions.

(Starting salaries for college graduates.)

But more than this, it is a highly important job.

With nuclear weapons, it is likely that we may never fight another war for the bodies of men.

We will, instead, wage an unrelenting cold war for the minds of men.

The Communist cadre in the United States has for years made a deliberate effort to infiltrate positions from which they can shape our thinking.

I am suggesting that loyal Americans counter-attach - - re-infiltrate!

When I say "librarian", you are inclined first to think of the attendant at the desk who mechanically stamps the date on your library card, but librarianship is a bigger job than that.

The graduate librarian has an opportunity to disseminate good ideas through all media of communication, books, magazines, films, filmstrips, recordings, kinescopes of television programs, transcriptions of radio programs.

He or she procures, stores, classifies and catalogues these materials for public use, and professionally counsels people -- guides them in their reading and in their efforts to become better informed.

In the new war for the minds of men, librarians are senior line officers.

We have two thousand of them stationed abroad in the U. S. Information Agencies.

With professional library techniques, they are quietly and positively countering the hate propaganda of the Soviets.

Attesting to the effectiveness of their "psychological warfare", several of our librarians on foreign duty have been injured or wounded. We can assume by whom.

In the space race, the skilled librarian abstracts and documents research for scientists all over the world.

Industrial plants seek librarians for research.

There is presently an acute shortage of 18,000 professional librarians.

Graduates of an accredited library school can expect a starting salary of \$3,800 to \$4,000.

Overseas, an experienced librarian commands as much as \$6,000.

The Chief Librarian in a large library may expect \$12,000.

"Help wanted. 18,000 loyal Americans. Good pay. Exciting opportunities.

And a chance to fight in the front lines of the cold war."